entire project life. However, important reasons for slow utilisation include inadequate provisioning and counterpart funding, procurement and contracting delays, startup and other procedural delays. Out of the total unutilised aid, around one-third is accounted for by the erstwhile USSR.

(c) and (d) Steps taken by the Government to improve aid utilisation include release of additional Central Assistance as 100% additionally, release of advance Additional Central, Assistance to States, ensuring adequate provisioning for externally aided projects, standardisation of bidding documents and streamlining of procurement procedure, disintermediating on flow of external aid to Central Public Sector Enterprises and portfolio rationalisation.

(e) to (g) Since foreign aid is generally project-tied it is given for a specific purpose or project.

12.00 NooN

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Reports and Accounts (1993-94) ot various Gem and Jewellery concerns and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) Madam, On behalf of SHRI PRANAB MU-KHERJEEI lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers :—

(I) (a) Twenty Eighth Annual Report and Accounts of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Bombay, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of-the above Council.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT/6496/84)

(II) (a) Tenth Annual Report and Accounts of the Council for Leather Exports, Madras, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.

(Placed in Librarv. *See* No. LT/6497184)

(III) (a) Twelfth Annual Report and Accounts of the Indian Diamond Institute, Surat, for the year 1993-94, together with the Auditors' Report on the accounts,

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Institute.

(Placed in Library. *See* No LT/6498/84)

Notification of the Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIR! AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY) : Madam, 1 lay on the Table, under sub-section (4) of section 83 of the Standards of Weights and Measures Act. 1976, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry o'f Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution, Notification G.S.R. No. 591(E), dated the 20th July, 1994 publishing the Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Second Amendment Rules, 1994.

(Placed in Library. *See* No. LT/6573/94)

I. Reports and Accounts (1993-94) of various Coal Companies and related papers,